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Director,
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith an article from
Flynn's Detective Fiction Weekly of May 14, 1935,
entitled "The 'X' Men".

It is thought that this article may be of
interest to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

J. M. Keith
J. M. KEITH, *per*
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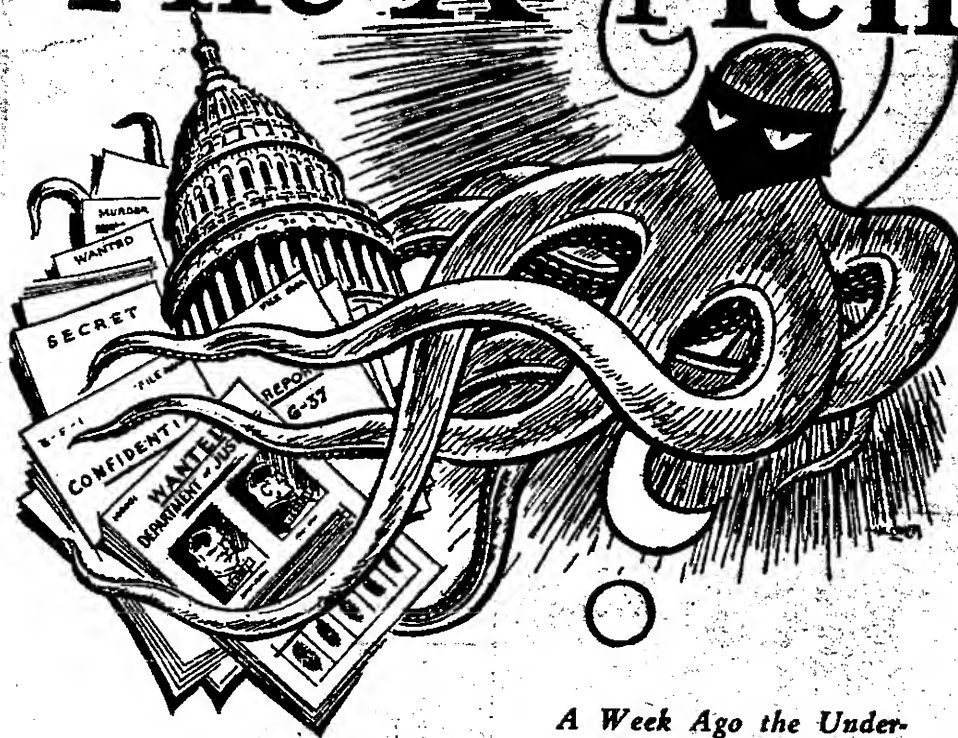
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The "X" Men



FEAR has seized hold of the underworld—stark, maddening fear. Their houses of graft, crime, and bribery have crashed down about their ears. For the first time since Al Capone put crime into the class of big business, the underworld has learned that their tainted dollars cannot buy them immunity.

Bribery, perjury, and machine-guns are now of no avail. There is a new force flung against them by the Federal Government which they cannot understand. It at least has put the fear of God into their hearts.

The underworld is faced by an organization which they have dubbed the "G-men"—the agents of the U. S.

A Week Ago the Underworld Made a Startling Proposal to a Man from Chicago. "Ten Grand a Week Is Okay," Said the Nation's Biggest Gangsters, "if We Get Results. We Have Got to Destroy the Department of Justice!"

Department of Justice. The G-men are incorruptible. The G-men place honor and service to country above price. They are men who have shown that they are not afraid to die in carrying the war into the camp of crime.

In the years immediately following the start of Prohibition, when that law placed unlimited capital at the disposal of the underworld, the leaders were

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able to buy advance information of raids. Their connections, in some instances, reached right into official Washington. These warnings enabled them to run to cover before the Federal men closed down upon them.

But now it is different.

Out of a clear sky, on March fifteenth of this year, the G-men struck. About three thousand big-shots, counterfeiters, gangsters, narcotic peddlers, punks and hangers-on were landed in the net.

This raid caught them all flatfooted in the midst of their activities. There was no friendly warning this time. No tip-off to get into clear. There was just a sudden, demoralizing blow that has given the underworld its worst jolt in years.

It taught them that their boasted protection is a fallacy. It has left them desperate, groping for a way to combat this new enemy. What are they going to do?

Never before has it been possible for the Federal Government to muster hundreds of its agents for a concerted drive against the underworld without some one of their connections getting wise to it and flashing the tip-off to get in out of the way. This time, however, not an inkling of what was coming reached the leaders.

What is the underworld going to do?

SMUG in their fancied security, fortified by their millions of ill-gotten gains, backed by their machine-gun squads, they thought themselves greater than the United States Government. They failed to read the signs when their lord and master, Al Capone, was sent away for eleven years.

It was merely an unfortunate break

in luck, they told themselves. It was his willingness to become the victim in order to stop public clamor that prevented him from completing his deal for a sentence of two years, they argued.

The deaths of Pretty Boy Floyd, Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson; the conviction of the various mobs of kidnapers; the running down of the assassins of the Kansas City massacre, left the underworld cold. These criminals were outside the pale, anyway. To the underworld this was all stage-play to enable the Federal authorities to force a larger appropriation from Congress.

"It was just a Federal racket," they assured themselves. Today, these same criminals—those of them who were lucky enough to escape the dragnet—are cursing themselves for their short-sightedness. Cringing with fear, hiding in their rat-holes, they are afraid the heavy hand of the Federal Government is reaching for them. They now realize that the recent threats against them were not idle boasts for the benefit of the public but stern realities.

The newspapers carrying the accounts of the March fifteenth raid have both aided and hurt in this war against the underworld. Their accounts of the widespread arrests helped. But their stories about the men working in the underworld hurt. These stories related how the G-men worked their way into the inner councils of gangdom; how these same Federal men won the confidence and friendship of the big-shots; how they shared gangdom's wine, women and song until they were all set to strike.

"What kind of a man is he who has the guts to join us? To dupe us, and then turn around and put the finger on

us?" the underworld ask. "What has happened to the protection paid for so lavishly?"

These questions are flying around the underworld today.

This fear has taken such a hold upon them that in a panic they have resorted to wholesale murders in an endeavor to purge their ranks of the suspected rats. Even close pals, friends of years' standing, are under suspicion. The big-shots do not know where to go nor whom to trust.

So now the underworld has run to cover, panic-stricken. Word has gone out that no matter what happens, expense is to be disregarded; no matter who is sacrificed, these G-men must be stopped. (It is reported that Dutch Schultz has been thrown to the Federals as a sop—Ed.) The very life of the underworld is at stake. Their rackets are giving them millions of dollars every day. That flow of millions is in danger of being dried up.

II

WHAT is the answer of the underworld going to be? This is what it's going to be, and this magazine has it on good authority.

Taking a leaf out of J. Edgar Hoover's notebook, the head of the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice, the leaders of the underworld are trying frantically to save themselves by forming a secret organization of their own.

The underworld is going to attempt to defend its million-dollar rackets by an organization of secret agents who will *not* be drawn from the ranks of criminals. They will be presumably honest, patriotic young men who will be hired to join the Department of Justice and every other police force where the underworld can get them in.

The answer to the Government men—the G-men—will be the underworld spies—the "X-men." They will *not* be crooks themselves, but they will be paid by the crooks. They will be hired to tip off the underworld on raids, and the identity of the Federal undercover men who join the underworld to collect the evidence that destroys it.

The underworld will put their spies in strategic positions, just as the Federal government put *their* spies in strategic positions before the March 15th raid. In war it is called counter-espionage. This is a war between crime and society.

Afraid that even the man they select from within their own ranks to head such an organization might be a G-man, they dare not trust such an important task to one of their own ilk.

At a meeting held in a Mid-western city recently and attended by several of the more important leaders of the underworld, this plan was thoroughly discussed. For two days arguments went on before the big-shots could agree that the only way to fight fire was with fire.

This decided, their next step was to select the man to head the bureau. They finally settled on a man from Chicago. This man had formerly run a bureau of his own, and in times past had locked horns with some of the denizens of the underworld. He has since retired. The underworld knew of his personal integrity and professional reputation. He was just the man for the job, even if he did not belong to the underworld. Not doubting he would accept, they brought him to the conference.

"Your job," they told him, "is to form a counter espionage service for us. You are to ferret out the rats who are working among us. You will fur-

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nish us with the names—we will attend to the rest."

It required little imagination to understand that by "the rest" was meant a blast from a machine gun and another martyr among the Federal undercover agents.

"You can name your own price," the spokesman went on. "Even ten grand a week is okay by us if we get results. We are wise, too, that you will need some time to get started. But work fast, hurry. It's a matter of life or death to us. The force will be under your jurisdiction and no one—and this goes for us guys, too—will be allowed to interfere in the running of your mob."

No doubt, from their point of view this was an attractive proposition and one that no man would turn down. "Ten grand a week!" Anxious to get all the details, the man from Chicago held his tongue and let them go on.

"It's our idea that the guys for your mob will not be recruited from the gangs of the underworld. These G-men are college graduates, trained in the law. In ordinary times those kind of guys are grabbed by business, but the depression has thrown them into the laps of the Feds.

"You must get your guys from the same sources. Get guys with guts, guys who can qualify as G-men and can grab themselves jobs among the Federals. The bankroll behind you will be big enough to let you buy all of them you need. Then, when you get them trained, send them to Washington to join the G-men, get them into police departments. They can put the

finger on the Federal spies among us, and tip us off to what the Feds are going to do."

THE Chicagoan told them that he appreciated their trust in him but he was too old to tackle such a job and suggested that they get a younger man. Their warped minds could not grasp the fact that a man who had spent the best years of his life in the pursuit of criminals, working secretly among the mobs as did the G-men, taking the same chances of being bumped off as they were taking, could not bring himself to put the finger of death on such men. The Chicagoan got away; and, returning home, immediately surrounded himself with a heavy bodyguard.

There can be no question about it: the underworld is desperate when they resort to ratting. They are afraid of their own shadows, afraid that their best pal may be a G-man.

But not every man they approach will turn them down. They are offering ten thousand dollars a week! They have more millions at their disposal than J. Edgar Hoover and the Department of Justice have thousands.

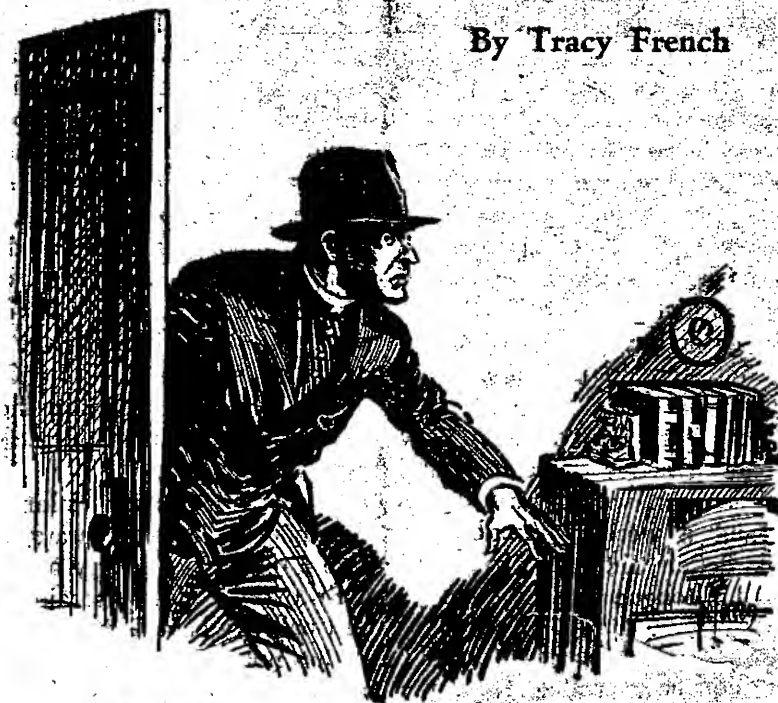
Every police force in the country is going to be approached by these "X-men." It is time to be double and triply careful of the antecedents of every man joining the police, in whatever capacity.

With the millions behind them the criminal big shots may succeed in undermining the now incorruptible Department of Justice itself. That is their plan. Their life is at stake and they are desperate.



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By Tracy French



The door of the study flew open

CHAPTER I

The Devil's Go-Between

THE room was a library partly walled with books set in recessed niches and interspaced with panels of rich English walnut. The house stood two hundred feet from the street at the loop of a winding driveway, deep in its wide acre of lawn dotted with trees, shrubs and fancy flower pots. The town was Royalton, an exclusive suburb of Chicago.

The hour was the hour of dusk. The occupants of the library were three men, of strikingly different types and appearance.

The first man, tall and thirty-five, dressed in gray tweeds, strode up and down in front of the fireplace like an animal in a cage. His face was worn with worry until it looked years older than his body. The second man, big rather than tall, sat stiff and erect in a leather arm chair, his civilian serge outlining his powerful frame with all the authority of a military uniform.

The third man, thin and dark in rusty clericals, who occupied a seat of less dignity, was an individual known to Chicago's church-wise press and public as the Reverend Reuben Acton, meek director of an obscure mission in the slums. More simply and saltily acknowledged as "The Parson" by his

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May 14, 1935

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a manuscript entitled "The Biography of Al Capone's Life in the Atlanta Penitentiary", along with various newspaper clippings, photographs of purported inmates of the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, scenes of that institution, considerable correspondence and what are purported to be official records of the United States Penitentiary in Atlanta.

All of these enclosures were delivered to Special Agent W. G. Banister of this office today by Mr. R. W. Mickam, Executive Editor, Real Detective Stories, 32nd Floor, 444 Madison Avenue, New York City. These papers were obtained after Mr. Mickam had telephoned to the New York office advising that the manuscript and papers had been left at his office and that after he had studied them he was of the opinion that some of the papers were official records of the United States Penitentiary, for which reason he telephoned the New York office.

When interviewed Mr. Mickam stated confidentially that the enclosures had been left with him recently by a Mr. F. Barrett, 323 N. Fulton Street, Baltimore, Maryland, who had called to sell the manuscript. Since the papers were left with him Mr. Mickam stated that Mr. Barrett personally had not called back at his office but that he had telephoned to him on several occasions, using the long distance telephone, which fact Mr. Mickam had detected by hearing the operator request the party calling to place the necessary coins in the toll box and that on these occasions Mickam had informed Barrett that he had not as yet had an opportunity to read the manuscript because of its length.

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These enclosures are being forwarded to you for your information and no further action is being taken by the New York office until further instructions are received. Mr. Mickam, however, is being advised that in the event Mr. Barrett makes further inquiry concerning these papers, he should again be informed that no opportunity has been had to study the manuscript but that it is expected this opportunity will present itself in the immediate future. In the meantime it would be appreciated if the Bureau would advise if these papers will be returned to the New York office so they can be returned to Mr. Mickam for delivery to Barrett should he insist on getting the papers back.

It is possible that the Bureau will desire to have an investigation made of these enclosures in connection with the case that is now pending in the Atlanta office pertaining to irregularities in the penitentiary there during the time that Capone was a prisoner at that institution and when it was alleged favors had been extended to him by one of the prison physicians, namely, Dr. Seall.

Because of the large number of enclosures they are not being itemized by the New York office nor have photostatic copies been made of any of these papers.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley
R. WHITLEY
Special Agent in Charge

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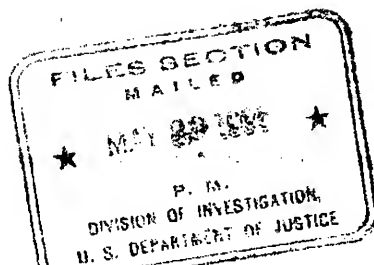
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated May 14, 1935, with which you transmitted a manuscript entitled "The Biography of Al Capone's Life in the Atlanta Penitentiary", together with various newspaper clippings, photographs of purported inmates of the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, scenes of that institution, considerable correspondence, and records which are purported to be official records of that Penitentiary. This material is being forwarded by registered mail under separate cover for transmittal to Mr. Mickan in the event the return of same is desired.

Please be advised that photostatic copies of the above have been made and transmitted to the Department for its consideration. You will be advised if an investigation of this matter is desired.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
MR. WILLIAM STANLEY

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The New York City Office of this Bureau has recently received from Mr. M. E. Nickm, Executive Editor, Real Detective Stories, 33rd Floor, 300 Madison Avenue, New York City, various newspaper clippings, a manuscript entitled "The Biography of Al Capone's Life in the Atlanta Penitentiary", and photographs of purported inmates of the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta. There were also included in the material received scenes of the Atlanta Penitentiary, considerable correspondence, and records which were purported to be official records of that Penitentiary. This material was obtained after Mr. Nickm had telephoned to the New York City Office, advising that the manuscript and papers had been left at his office by a confidential informant.

There is being transmitted herewith a photostatic copy of each of the inclosures which were forwarded by the New York City Office, together with one copy each of the photographs of the purported inmates of the Atlanta Penitentiary. This material is being transmitted for your consideration.

Please be advised that no investigation of this matter will be made by the Bureau in the absence of a specific request.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
BUREAU OF PRISONS
WASHINGTON

June 5, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER:

I note with interest the report of your Birmingham office, file No. 62-756-JAS, dated May 25, 1935, with reference to one Patterson, formerly confined at the Atlanta Penitentiary, alleging the receipt of certain money while he was an inmate.

We shall be eager to hear whether any confirmation of this story is received and will rely upon your office to advise us as to any action that we may be called upon to take to further the investigation.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Re: [REDACTED]
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This is to advise that E. W. Michan, subject of file 62-28933-50, [REDACTED] Mr. E. W. Michan forwarded manuscript entitled "The Biography of Al Capone's Life in the Atlanta Penitentiary" which had been offered to him for publication in Real Detective Stories magazine of which he is the Executive Editor.

Respectfully,

W. E. Glavin.

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Special Agent in Charge
Washington, D. C.

AL CAPONE, with aliases, et al.
CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRABAND
OUT OF THE UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY,
ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

Dear Sir:

On May 14, 1935, Mr. E. W. Nishan, Executive Editor,
Real Detective Stories, 414 Madison Avenue, New York City,
delivered to the New York Bureau a manuscript entitled
"The Biography of Al Capone," together with various newspaper
clippings, photographs of reported inmates of the United States
Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia of that institution, considerable
correspondence, and what are purported to be official records
of the penitentiary. Mr. Nishan advised confidentially that these
data had been sent to him by a Mr. F. Barrett, of 121 North
Fulton Street, Baltimore, Maryland, who had called to sell
the manuscript, and that he, Mr. Nishan, was referring the matter
to the Bureau for the reason that he believed that some of the
papers were records of the United States Penitentiary.

Photostatic copies of the manuscript and the
data were submitted to the Department of Justice and
has been received from the Assistant to the Attorney
General, Mr. Stanley, that this material be considered in
the investigation being conducted by the Bureau in
this case. Mr. Stanley has also requested
regarding the identity of the author of the manuscript.
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Accordingly, it is requested that your office
conduct a discreet investigation regarding the
connections of Barrett. Three copies of report
should be furnished the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

WILLIAM STANLEY
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Department of Justice
Washington

June 24, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER

Several days ago you sent me a photostatic copy of a story entitled "Al Capone's Life in the Atlanta Penitentiary", which had been turned over to our Special Agent in our New York Office.

In this connection, I understand that your Bureau has made some investigation during the past two years as to Al Capone's conduct while at Leavenworth, in an attempt to ascertain whether or not he had been able to bribe any of the officers.

I think it would be a good idea for someone in your Bureau to check the manuscript carefully to see whether or not there are any leads therein, which would fit into the investigation which you have been making.

Have you any idea as to the identity of the writer of the story?

William Stanley
William Stanley

The Assistant to the Attorney General

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Director,
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Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There is attached hereto the original of a magazine article entitled "The 'X' Men". The New York Office has been requested to interview the Editor of the DETECTIVE FICTION WEEKLY, in which this article appeared, for the purpose of ascertaining the source of his information relative to the meeting alleged to have taken place at Kansas City, Missouri, during which meeting a plan was discussed to counteract the activities of the Bureau through an espionage system.

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Very truly yours,

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FEAR has seized hold of the underworld—stark, maddening fear. Their houses of graft, crime, and bribery have crashed down about their ears. For the first time since Al Capone put crime into the class of big business, the underworld has learned that their tainted dollars cannot buy them immunity.

Bribery, perjury, and machine-guns are now of no avail. There is a new force flung against them by the Federal Government which they cannot understand. It at least has put the fear of God into their hearts.

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THE "X" MEN

able to buy advance information of raids. Their connections, in some instances, reached right into official Washington. These warnings enabled them to run to cover before the Federal men closed down upon them.

But now it is different.

Out of a clear sky, on March fifteenth of this year, the G-men struck. About three thousand big-shots, counterfeiters, gangsters, narcotic peddlers, punks and hangers-on were landed in the net.

This raid caught them all flatfooted in the midst of their activities. There was no friendly warning this time. No tip-off to get into clear. There was just a sudden, demoralizing blow that has given the underworld its worst jolt in years.

It taught them that their boasted protection is a fallacy. It has left them desperate, groping for a way to combat this new enemy. What are they going to do?

Never before has it been possible for the Federal Government to muster hundreds of its agents for a concerted drive against the underworld without some one of their connections getting wise to it and flashing the tip-off to get in out of the way. This time, however, not an inkling of what was coming reached the leaders.

What is the underworld going to do?

SMUG in their fancied security, fortified by their millions of ill-gotten gains, backed by their machine-gun squads, they thought themselves greater than the United States Government. They failed to read the signs when their lord and master, Al Capone, was sent away for eleven years.

It was merely an unfortunate break

in luck, they told themselves. It was his willingness to become the victim in order to stop public clamor that prevented him from completing his deal for a sentence of two years, they argued.

The deaths of Pretty Boy Floyd, Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson; the conviction of the various mobs of kidnapers; the running down of the assassins of the Kansas City massacre, left the underworld cold. These criminals were outside the pale, anyway. To the underworld this was all stage-play to enable the Federal authorities to force a larger appropriation from Congress.

"It was just a Federal racket," they assured themselves. Today, these same criminals—those of them who were lucky enough to escape the dragnet—are cursing themselves for their short-sightedness. Cringing with fear, hiding in their rat-holes, they are afraid the heavy hand of the Federal Government is reaching for them. They now realize that the recent threats against them were not idle boasts for the benefit of the public but stern realities.

The newspapers carrying the accounts of the March fifteenth raid have both aided and hurt in this war against the underworld. Their accounts of the widespread arrests helped. But their stories about the men working in the underworld hurt. These stories related how the G-men worked their way into the inner councils of gangdom; how these same Federal men won the confidence and friendship of the big-shots; how they shared gangdom's wine, women and song until they were all set to strike.

"What kind of a man is he who has the guts to join us? To dupe us, and then turn around and put the finger on

us?" the underworld ask. "What has happened to the protection paid for so lavishly?"

These questions are flying around the underworld today.

This fear has taken such a hold upon them that in a panic they have resorted to wholesale murders in an endeavor to purge their ranks of the suspected rats. Even close pals, friends of years' standing, are under suspicion. The big-shots do not know where to go nor whom to trust.

So now the underworld has run to cover, panic-stricken. Word has gone out that no matter what happens, expense is to be disregarded; no matter who is sacrificed, these G-men must be stopped. (It is reported that Dutch Schultz has been thrown to the Federals as a sop—Ed.) The very life of the underworld is at stake. Their rackets are giving them millions of dollars every day. That flow of millions is in danger of being dried up.

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WHAT is the answer of the underworld going to be? This is what it's going to be, and this magazine has it on good authority.

Taking a leaf out of J. Edgar Hoover's notebook, the head of the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice, the leaders of the underworld are trying frantically to save themselves by forming a secret organization of their own.

The underworld is going to attempt to defend its million-dollar rackets by an organization of secret agents who will not be drawn from the ranks of criminals. They will be presumably honest, patriotic young men who will be hired to join the Department of Justice and every other police force where the underworld can get them in.

The answer to the Government men—the G-men—will be the underworld spies—the "X-men." They will not be crooks themselves, but they will be paid by the crooks. They will be hired to tip off the underworld on raids, and the identity of the Federal undercover men who join the underworld to collect the evidence that destroys it.

The underworld will put their spies in strategic positions, just as the Federal government put *their* spies in strategic positions before the March 15th raid. In war it is called counter-espionage. This is a war between crime and society.

Afraid that even the man they select from within their own ranks to head such an organization might be a G-man, they dare not trust such an important task to one of their own ilk.

At a meeting held in a Mid-western city recently and attended by several of the more important leaders of the underworld, this plan was thoroughly discussed. For two days the arguments went on before the big-shots could agree that the only way to fight fire was with fire.

This decided, their next step was to select the man to head the bureau. They finally settled on a man from Chicago. This man had formerly run a bureau of his own, and in times past had locked horns with some of the denizens of the underworld. He has since retired. The underworld knew of his personal integrity and professional reputation. He was just the man for the job, even if he did not belong to the underworld. Not doubting he would accept, they brought him to the conference.

"Your job," they told him, "is to form a counter espionage service for us. You are to ferret out the rats who are working among us. You will fur-

nish us with the names—we will attend to the rest."

It required little imagination to understand that by "the rest" was meant a blast from a machine gun and another martyr among the Federal undercover agents.

"You can name your own price," the spokesman went on. "Even ten grand a week is okay by us if we get results. We are wise, too, that you will need some time to get started. But work fast, hurry. It's a matter of life or death to us. The force will be under your jurisdiction and no one—and this goes for us guys, too—will be allowed to interfere in the running of your mob."

No doubt, from their point of view this was an attractive proposition and one that no man would turn down. "Ten grand a week!" Anxious to get all the details, the man from Chicago held his tongue and let them go on.

"It's our idea that the guys for your mob will not be recruited from the gangs of the underworld. These G-men are college graduates, trained in the law. In ordinary times those kind of guys are grabbed by business, but the depression has thrown them into the laps of the Feds.

"You must get your guys from the same sources. Get guys with guts, guys who can qualify as G-men and can grab themselves jobs among the Federals. The bankroll behind you will be big enough to let you buy all of them you need. Then, when you get them trained, send them to Washington to join the G-men, get them into police departments. They can put the

finger on the Federal spies among us, and tip us off to what the Feds are going to do."

THE Chicagoan told them that he appreciated their trust in him but he was too old to tackle such a job and suggested that they get a younger man. Their warped minds could not grasp the fact that a man who had spent the best years of his life in the pursuit of criminals, working secretly among the mobs as did the G-men, taking the same chances of being bumped off as they were taking, could not bring himself to put the finger of death on such men. The Chicagoan got away; and, returning home, immediately surrounded himself with a heavy bodyguard.

There can be no question about it: the underworld is desperate when they resort to ratting. They are afraid of their own shadows, afraid that their best pal may be a G-man.

But not every man they approach will turn them down. They are offering ten thousand dollars a week! They have more millions at their disposal than J. Edgar Hoover and the Department of Justice have thousands.

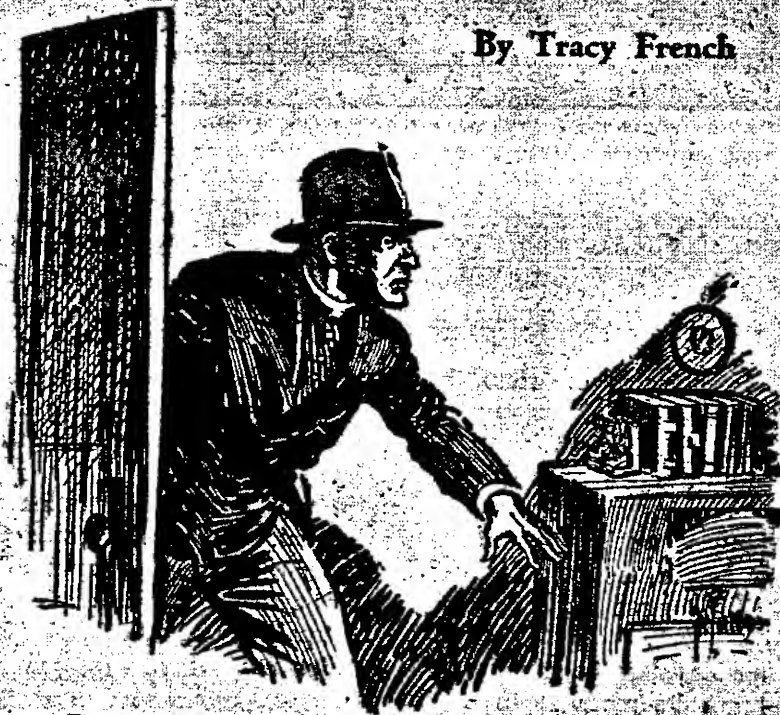
Every police force in the country is going to be approached by these "X-men." It is time to be double and triply careful of the antecedents of every man joining the police, in whatever capacity.

With the millions behind them the criminal big shots may succeed in undermining the now incorruptible Department of Justice itself. That is their plan. Their life is at stake and they are desperate.



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By Tracy French



The door of the study now open.

CHAPTER I

The Devil's Go-Between

THE room was a library partly walled with books set in recessed niches and interspaced with panels of rich English walnut. The house stood two hundred feet from the street at the loop of a winding driveway, deep in its wide acre of lawn dotted with trees, shrubs and fancy flower pots. The town was Royalton, an exclusive suburb of Chicago.

The hour was the hour of dusk. The occupants of the library were three men, of strikingly different types and appearance.

The first man, tall and thirty-five, dressed in gray tweeds, strode up and down in front of the fireplace like an animal in a cage. His face was worn with worry until it looked years older than his body. The second man, big rather than tall, sat stiff and erect in a leather arm chair, his civilian serge outlining his powerful frame with all the authority of a military uniform.

The third man, thin and dark in rusty clericals, who occupied a seat of less dignity, was an individual known to Chicago's church-wise press and public as the Reverend Reuben Acton, meek director of an obscure mission in the slums. More simply and saltily acknowledged as "The Parson" by his

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Special Agent in Charge
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Dear Sir:

There are attached hereto 3 original pages and photostatic copies of a magazine article entitled "The Black Man".

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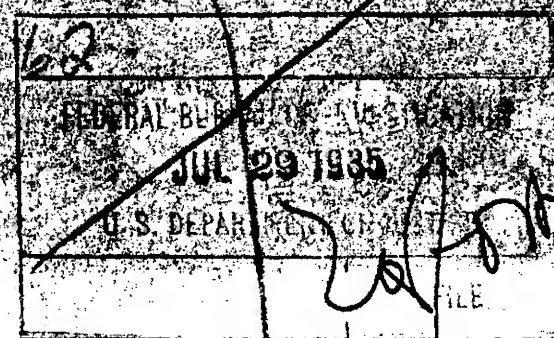
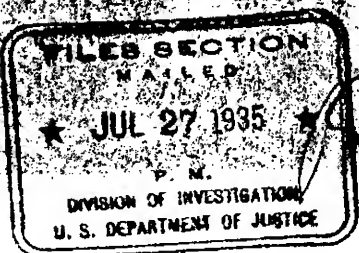
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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALPHONSE CARPIS, with aliases, et al.
CONSPIRACY TO ROBBER AND KIDNAP
OUT OF THE UNITED STATES PRISONERS,
ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

Dear Sir:

Confirming telephonic conversation of July 22, 1935,
between Mr. Rosen, of your office, and Mr. Abbaticchio, of
the Bureau, kindly conduct an immediate investigation regarding
Mr. F. Barrett, of 323 North Fulton Street, Baltimore, Maryland,
in accordance with request contained in Bureau letter dated June
29, 1935.

It is desired that a report be submitted in this
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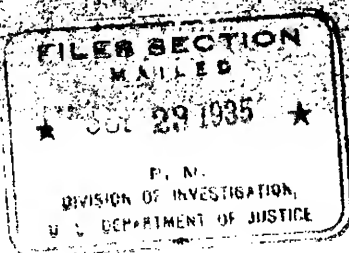
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July 29, 1935.

Director,
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Washington, D. C.

Re: ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases,
et al. - Conspiracy to Receive
and Send Contraband Out of the
United States Penitentiary,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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July 29, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases; ET AL;
Conspiracy to Receive and Send
Contraband Out of the United States
Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

At 12:40 P. M. on July 24, 1935, the writer received a telephonic call from Agent Rosen, who is acting in charge of the Washington Field Office, regarding Bureau letter of July 23, 1935, which requested that a report in the matter be submitted by the Field Office to reach the Bureau not later than 5:00 P. M., Wednesday, July 24, 1935.

Mr. Rosen advised that Agent Traub, who is conducting the instant investigation at Baltimore, Maryland, has encountered some difficulty in locating Mr. F. Barrett, the subject of the instant inquiry, at 323 North Fulton Street, and that under the circumstances it would not be possible to submit a final report to reach the Bureau by the required time.

The writer advised Mr. Rosen to expedite the investigation and to get the report in as soon as it is possible to do so.

Respectfully,

R. J. Abbaticchio, Jr.

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Washington Field Office, Room 5745
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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
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Penn. Ave. at 9th. St., N. W.,
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RE: ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al.
CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND
CONTRABAND OUT OF THE UNITED STATES
PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that Agent M. D. Traub, at Baltimore, Maryland, has telephonically informed this office that he has secured information in connection with Mr. F. Barrett, involved in the above case, and that he is sending a report by special delivery, which will be received at this office on Monday morning. Immediately on receipt of this report, you will be advised as to the results of the inquiry of Agent Traub.

Very truly yours,

J. M. Keith
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J. M. KEITH,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York City

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August 5, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases, et al
CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE AND SEND CONTRA-
BAND OUT OF THE UNITED STATES PERMIT-
TIARY, ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of the report of Special Agent
M. D. Trumb of your office in the above matter, dated July 25, 1935, in
which a lead is set out for the New York Bureau office to exhibit photo-
graph of [REDACTED] to Mr. H. W. Mickam, Executive Editor, *b7c*
Real Detective Stories, 444 Madison Avenue, New York City, to ascertain
whether or not he can identify this picture as that of F. Barrett.

Since this is the first report which has been received
by this office in connection with the above matter and there is no in-
dication in the body of the report as to what connection Mr. Mickam
has with this case or why he is considered to have any information con-
cerning [REDACTED] or F. Barrett, you are requested to fur-
nish further information and copies of any previous reports which may
have some bearing on Mr. Mickam or throw some light on what information
may be expected from him.

Pending the receipt of such information, the lead in
the report referred to will be held in abeyance by this office.

Respectfully yours,

cc-Bureau ✓



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Washington Field Office, Room 5745,
Washington, D. C.

August 5, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALPHONSE CAPONE, with aliases,
et al. CONSPIRACY TO RECEIVE
AND SEND CONTRABAND OUT OF THE
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY,
ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

Referring to your letter of August 5, 1935, request-
ing additional information as to the connection of Mr. R. W.
Mickam, Executive Editor of the Real Detective Stories, 444
Madison Avenue, New York City, with this case, there is attached
hereto a copy of a letter from the Bureau dated June 29, 1935,
upon which the investigation made by Special Agent M. D. Traub
of this office, at Baltimore, Maryland, in report dated July
29, 1935, was predicated.

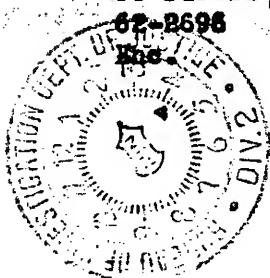
This copy contains all the information concerning
Mr. Mickam that is contained in the Washington Field Office file.

Very truly yours,

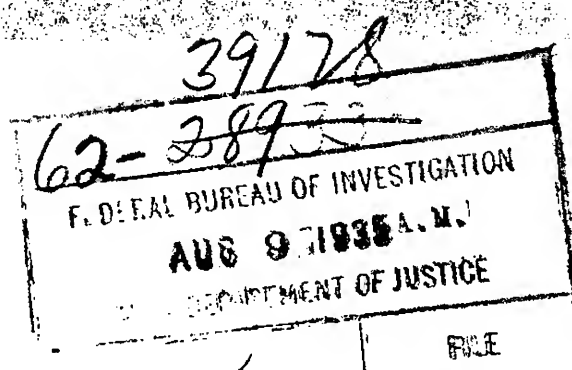
J. M. KEITH,
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